II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of customizing a user interface, the method comprising:

defining from a plurality of users a group of users for which a user interface element will be modified, wherein the group of users is less than the plurality of users;

recording a use count for the user interface element, the use count being an aggregation of use counts for each every user in the group of users;

obtaining a use weight for the user interface element with respect to another user interface element based on the use counts for the group of users; and

modifying the user interface element for each user in the group of users based on the use weight.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

defining the group of users to include a plurality of users and to distinguish the group of users from another group of users by including only users that use an application having the user interface element for a given job function; and

associating a server with the group of users.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

obtaining the use count from each user at the server; and

resetting the use count for each user.

- 4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising requesting the use count from each user.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising obtaining the use weight from the server at each user.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising requesting the use weight from the server during initialization of the application.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the use weight comprises one of: a neutral value, a positive likelihood value, and a negative likelihood value.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the use weight comprises a byte.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising configuring the user interface element to incorporate use data.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A method of customizing a user interface, the method comprising:

 defining from a plurality of users a group of users for which a user interface element will
 be modified, the group of users to include a plurality of users, wherein the group of users is less
 than the plurality of users;

associating a server with the group of users;

obtaining a use count for the user interface element , the use count being an aggregation of use counts for each every user in the group of users at the server;

calculating a use weight for the user interface element with respect to another user interface element based on the use counts for the group of users at the server;

and modifying the user interface element for each user in the group of users based on the use weight.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

recording the use count at a user device for each user; communicating the use count from each user device to the server; and

communicating the use weight from the server to each user device.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for customizing a user interface, the system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory, the memory including:

a definition system for defining from a plurality of users a group of users for which a user interface element will be modified, wherein the group of users is less than the plurality of users;

a communication system for obtaining a use count for the user interface element, the use count being an aggregation of use counts for each every user in the group of users; and

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a calculation system for calculating a use weight for the user interface element with respect to another user interface element based on the use counts for the group of users.

- 13. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a modification system for modifying the user interface element for each user in the group of users based on the use weight.
- 14. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a recordation system for recording the use count for each user.
- 15. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a configuration system for configuring the user interface element to incorporate use data.
- 16. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the communication system further communicates the use weight to a user device for each user.
- 17. (Currently Amended) A program product stored on a computer readable medium for customizing a user interface, which when executed comprises:

program code for defining from a plurality of users a group of users for which a user interface element will be modified, wherein the group of users is less than the plurality of users;

program code for obtaining a use count for the user interface element, the use count being an aggregation of use counts for each every user in the group of users; and

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program code for calculating a use weight for the user interface element with respect to another user interface element based on the use counts for the group of users.

- 18. (Original) The program product of claim 17, further comprising program code for modifying the user interface element for each user in the group of users based on the use weight.
- 19. (Original) The program product of claim 17, further comprising program code for recording the use count for each user.
- 20. (Original) The program product of claim 17, further comprising program code for configuring the user interface element to incorporate use data.